

**Community Development Committee
Regular Meeting
February 18, 2005 – 8:30 a.m.
Tribal Office Conference Room A**

1. Call to Order & Roll Call-

Bernard Vigue called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m. Those present: Rick Warrington, Dave Corn, Susan Waukau and Jamie Loudbear-Wayka was present for Jim Horton. Those absent: Pat Corn, Dave Grignon, Robert Lyons and Jim Horton. Chairperson Ann Marie Johnson arrived at 8:40 am and took over as Chair. Also present for the meeting was, Gwen Waukau, Debbie Webster, Ellsworth & Edmere Kelley and Mary Nunway.

2. Moment of Silence-A moment of silence was observed.

3. Review Minutes Dated January 21, 2005-

Motion made by Bernard Vigue to approve with the change. Motion was seconded by Rick Warrington. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 4-absent. Motion carried.

4. Amoco Station Update-

Committee went into a lengthy discussion regarding the building and where the money is going to come from to fix the building. Committee members feel that as landlords, the Tribe must bring the building up to code before they let anyone occupy the space. The issue already went to the Budget Committee and it was decided that there isn't any money available now to pay for the repairs.

Debbie Webster and Gwen Waukau would like something from the committee or the Legislature saying that they have first consideration to get the building if and when the repairs are made.

Motion made by Susan Waukau that Little Horse Amusements have 1st option for the old Amoco Station if money is appropriated by October 1, 2005 and the building is brought up to code. Motion was seconded by Dave Corn. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 4-absent. Motion carried.

Motion made by Rick Warrington to suspend the agenda and move to Other Business. Motion was seconded by Bernard Vigue. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 4-absent. Motion carried.

12. Other Business-

Ellsworth & Edmere Kelley were present to request the committee grant them a variance. They purchased a 1979 trailer and since it's older than the 5 year rule the committee has to approve it. The delivery date is set for February 22, 2005

and the Kelley's stated that it was the only date they were given because the company is booked all spring. Committee is very concerned with the electricity in the current trailer they live in and would like to push the process along as quick as possible because their current electric is a fire hazard.

The Kelley's informed the committee that they wouldn't be getting rid of their current trailer right away because the delivery date is so quick they didn't have time to get all their stuff out of it. Committee is also concerned about having junk trailers laying around.

Motion made by Bernard Vigue to approve the emergency variance request for Ellsworth and Edmere Kelley for a used trailer to replace existing trailer and the purchase price include removal of the old trailer and that the removal occur before June 30, 2005. Motion was seconded by Dave Corn. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 4-absent. Motion carried.

***After the meeting Committee Chairperson Ann Marie Johnson will speak to Tribal Chairperson Michael Chapman to see if the issue can be dealt with today due to the fire hazard with electricity.**

Motion made by Rick Warrington to go back to #5 of the agenda. Motion was seconded by Bernard Vigue. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 4-absent. Motion carried.

5. **Set Date with Housing Committee Re: Future Housing Developments-**
Committee held a short discussion regarding the need for a special meeting and decided to set the special meeting for Friday March 11, 2005 at 9:00 am. Chairperson Johnson would like a notice sent to the Housing Chair and would like to have MTE and the Attorney present for the meeting.

6. **HazMat Request/Frank McClellan-**
Frank was unable to attend the meeting but is requesting to use the former Menominee County Highway Department site for a Full Scale multi-agency/jurisdiction chemical terrorism exercise on Wednesday April 27, 2005.

Motion made by Bernard Vigue to recommend approval of the request to use the former County Highway Shop site for a chemical terrorism exercise on Wednesday April 27, 2005. Motion was seconded by Dave Corn. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 4-absent. Motion carried.

7. **Transportation Plan-**
Committee went into lengthy discussion regarding the Transportation Plan and will discuss the issue more at the special March 11, 2005 meeting.

Motion made by Susan Waukau to recommend approval for Resolution for the BIA Tribal Transportation Plan. Motion was seconded by Dave Corn. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 4-absent. Motion carried.

8. Economic Development Committee Status-

Chairperson Johnson will speak to the Tribal Chairman about setting up a committee to deal with economic development and to make sure there are qualified people sitting on the committee.

9. Cemetery Update-

Bernard Vigue informed the committee that he has to wait until the ground thaws to take more soil tests on other sites. Bernie is hoping to have something for the committee by the end of March.

Committee talked about the cemetery site and according to the Menominee Tribal Legislature people from Neopit don't want to be buried in Keshena and people from Keshena don't want to be buried in Neopit. Committee feels the only way to solve the problem is to either expand the existing cemetery in Neopit or develop a new one in both Neopit and Keshena.

Committee will discuss the issue more once Bernie gets the results of the soil tests.

10. Committee Goals & Objectives-

No discussion, no action taken.

11. Updates-

Tax Exempt Gas-Bernie informed the committee that it would cost \$109,000 to purchase the start up equipment for gas. Bernie stated that the state might share the tanks but he hasn't heard from them on whether or not they would. Committee would like Bernie to draft a letter with Administration to ask the state to share the tanks.

Bernie stated that everything could be ready to go in 2 months and it would take 2 years to get the start up money back.

The money could possibly be borrowed from Housing but Jim Horton and Jeremy Weso would both have to approve it.

Bernie will do an analysis on how much gas is sold to departments based on Tax Commissioner records.

WIC/C-Store-Chairperson Johnson checked with Food Distribution to see if it would be possible to sell WIC there and it is not possible. There is no update on the C-Store at this time.

Recreation Lease Policy & Procedures-There is no update at this time. Tribal Attorney is still working on the document.

12. Other Business-

Committee would like to discuss the bylaws at the next meeting. Susan Waukau would like to discuss her easement at the next meeting.

13. Adjournment-

Motion made by Susan Waukau to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Rick Warrington. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 4-absent. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
Legislative Staff Services